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SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING THE 1978 MEAT IMPORT
RESTRAINT PROGRAM

1. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD THE
WEEK OF DECEMBER 12-16 CONCERNING THE CONCLUSION OF 1978 MEAT
RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 13

COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT MEAT TO THE U.S. IN GENERAL, ALL EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1978 PROGRAM ALTHOUGH MANY RESERVED THEIR FINAL POSITION FOR GOVERNMENTAL REVIEW. ON DECEMBER 21 THE DEPARTMENT SENT FORMAL NOTES TO WASHINGTON EMBASSIES. THESE NOTES TOGETHER WITH CONFIRMATORY REPLIES WILL CONSTITUTE THE 1978 MEAT RESTRAINT PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES RECEIVING REPLIES BY EARLY JANUARY. CANADA IS NOT FORMALLY PARTICIPATING IN THE 1978 MEAT IMPORT RESTRAINT PROGRAM BUT, AS IN 1977, CANADIAN/US TRADE WILL BE REGULATED WITHIN SPECIFIED AMOUNTS BY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

2. THE MAJOR POINTS COVERED BY DEPARTMENT REPS WERE AS FOLLOWS: THE PRESIDENT DECIDED TO SEEK IMPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS COVERING MEAT IMPORTS INTO THE U.S. FOR 1978. THE OVERALL PROGRAM LEVEL IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER (SOME 20 MILLION POUNDS) THAN IN 1977. THE U.S. PROPOSED A PROGRAM FOR 1978 IDENTICAL TO THAT OF 1977, BUT WITH A SLIGHT INCREASE IN ALLOCATION FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. BECAUSE OF THE MULTILATERAL NATURE OF THE PROGRAM, AGREEMENT WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OBTAINED TO HAVE A PROGRAM. BECAUSE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTICIPANTS OFTEN CONFLICT, THE U.S. HAS VERY LITTLE FLEXIBILITY AND THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO A VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM WOULD BE QUOTAS AT A SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER LEVEL.

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3. MAJOR POINTS RAISED BY PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING (A) SOME CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (CA/C) COUNTRIES SOUGHT THE INCLUSION OF A REGIONAL SHORTFALL REALLOCATION PROVISION IN THE AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT REPS STATED THAT THE 1977 SHORTFALL, WHICH WAS REALLOCATED EXCLUSIVELY TO COUNTRIES OF THE CA/C REGION, WAS POSSIBLE ONLY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO INSISTED THAT THE 1977 REALLOCATION NOT BE CONSIDERED A PRECEDENT AND THAT FUTURE SHORTFALL REALLOCATIONS BE ON A PRO RATA BASIS. AUSTRALIAN REP STATED THAT HE HOPED AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT BE ASKED TO PURCHASE ITS FULL ALLOCATION IN FUTURE PROGRAMS THROUGH RELINQUISHING ITS SHARE OF ANY FUTURE SHORTFALLS. (B) SEVERAL CA/C COUNTRIES EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO GET A LARGER SHARE OF THE PROGRAM INCREASE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DEPARTMENT REPS NOTED THAT MULTILATERAL NATURE OF PROGRAM AND CONFLICTING OBJECTIVES OF PARTICIPANTS SEVERELY LIMIT THIS POSSIBILITY. WE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND NOTED THAT WHEN NO RESTRICTIONS ARE ON THE U.S. MARKET, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THEIR MARKET SHARES SIGNIFICANTLY. (C) SEVERAL COUNTRIES (PRINCIPALLY AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND)

EXPRESSED CONCERN AT CANADA RECEIVING AN INCREASED ALLOCATION AT THE TIME OF THE SHORTFALL. DEPARTMENT REPS STATED THAT CANADA DID NOT RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE SHORTFALL, BUT WAS INCREASED FROM THE RESERVE IN THE PROGRAM. (D) SEVERAL COUNTRIES (COSTA RICA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND) EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN 1978 THE SHORTFALL COULD BE REDISTRIBUTED EARLIER. U.S. REPS NOTED THE DIFFICULTY OF ESTIMATING SHORTFALLS BUT SAID WE WOULD MAKE A BEST EFFORTS COMMITMENT TO EXAMINE AND REDISTRIBUTE SHORTFALL IN 1978 AT AN EARLY DATE. (E) SEVERAL COUNTRIES EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE SECTION 204 ACTION TO LIMIT IMPORTS FROM ANY COUNTRY WHEN IT REACHED 85 PERCENT OF ITS FULL ALLOCATION. DEPARTMENT REPS HAVE TAKEN THIS SUGGESTION UNDER REVIEW. VANCE
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